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SUBJECT

In Camera Enquiry before Sir M.Visvesvaraya's Committee by Gazetted Officers.

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1	Telegram dated 5-9-28 from Sir M. Visvesvaraya Chairman of the Enquiry Committee, regarding total requirements to be provid for the Enquiry Office.
2	D.O. letter No. 1223/C.B. dated 6th Septr. 28, states that Mr. C.K. Venkataramiah, Govt. Translator and Mr. T. Raja Rao are deputed for work.
3	Telegram dated 8.9.28 from the Chairman, regarding certain instructions to the Secy. Mr. C. Noronha.
4	Reply sent to the above telegram by wire.
5	D.O. No. 125/C.B. dated 8.9.28 To the Chairman, Enquiry Committee. States that instructions have been issued to the Secy. of the Committee and reports the progress of work so far done.
6	From the Chairman, D.O. letter dated 7.9.28. Enquires what the attitude of Govt. will be in regard to certain questions raised in the Press regarding the conduct of the Commi enquiry.
7	D.O. No. 1263/C.B. dated 10-9-28 To the Chairman States the procedure that

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may be followed in respect of the enquiry whether in camera or otherwise and that Govt. officers examined by the Committee will produce the documentary evidence in their possession, and assures legal proceedings will not be taken against witnesses who give evidence in camera.

Official Memorandum No.1304-54/C.B. dated 12-9-28. authorises official witnesses to produce the documentary evidence in their possession and to give full and correct information concerning the disturbances.

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6th September 1928.

My dear Sir,

I received yesterday your telegram reading as follow

"My total requirements given yesterday may be considered together and provided for as far as feasible stop should not like to discourage present staff".

I regret I was not able to send a reply immediately, as I had to make some enquiries about the aptitude of the persons available for the different items of work which you mentioned.

I propose to depute Mr.C.K.Venkataramiah, M.A.,LL.B., Government Translator, to work in association with Mr.Noronha and attend particularly to the translation of the evidence and editing of the proofs. He is a good Kannada scholar and has considerable experience in proof reading.

For arranging to bring witnesses, etc., I shall depute Mr.T.Raja Rao, who is now Efficiency Auditor in the Secretaria

I think these arrangements will be sufficient, but if the experience of the first couple of days shows the need for strengthening or changing the staff, this can be done without difficulty.

Orders are under issue regarding the payment of sitting fees to the non-official members of the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

To

Sir M.Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.,
Chairman, Bangalore Enquiry Committee

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To

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.;
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Mr. Noronha has been instructed as desired in your telegram Am writing.

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From

Chief Secretary to the Govt.
of Mysore.

Bangalore, 8th Septr. 1928.

No. 1257 CS. 38-28.

8th September 1928.

My dear Sir,

I have received and acknowledged by wire the following telegram received to-day.

> 'In interests of constitutional procedure kindly instruct Secretary Mr.Noronha to take approval in my absence either of yourself or of Mr.Justice Ramarao to individual acts and arrangements pending my return."

Mr. Noronha has been generally consulting me about office accommodation, staff and other similar requirements of the Committee, while he has been taking Mr.Justice D.K.Rama Rao's instructions in such matters as the selection of witnes es for examination. I have informed Mr. Noronha that in futu he should take specific approval of Mr.Rama Rao or myself, as the case may be in regard to any action taken.

tents are being pitched in the compound of the Mythic Society Hall. I went there yesterday and was satisfied that Mr. Noronha was proceeding on systematic lines and seeing to the progress of the preparations for the enquiry.

Yours sincerely,

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Sir M.Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.,
Chairman, Enquiry Committee.
Bhadravati.

Bhadravati,

7th September 1928.

My dear Mr. Madhava Rao,

I thank you for your letter No.1223 of the 6th instant and for the action taken by you on behalf of Government to help the Committee of Enquiry.

The following points raised in the Press require consideration:-

(1) Will Government be willing to direct official witnesses selected by them, or by the Committee, to give full and correct information concerning the disturbances either in open meeting or in camera?

(2) Will Government place at the disposal of the Committee all documentary evidence connected with the disturbances through one or more of the officers selected by them?

(3) Has the Committee authority to assure witnesses, who give evidence which might subject them to prosecution, that they will not be legally proceeded against if they give such evidence in camera?

I have to discuss these questions with the Committee to settle the procedure on the 12th instant and shall be obliged if you will kindly let me know what the attitude of Government will be in regard to these matters.

I propose to return to Bangalore on the morning of 11th inst.

Yours sincerely,

M Visvesvaraya

N. Madhava Rao Esq., B.A.,B.L.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Bangalore.

8th September 2

No 1255/CS 38-28-

My dear Sir,

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th September 1928 enquiring what the attitude of Government will be regarding certain points relating to the Enquiry. I am obtaining orders and hope to send a reply by the time you return to Bangalore.

Yours sincerely,

Sir M.Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.,
Chairman, Bangalore Enquiry Committee,
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D.O. No: 1263/CB.38-28 dt 10.9.28.

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My dear Sir,

In continuation of my D.O. letter No. dated, regarding certain points raised in the Press as to the procedure of the Committee of Enquiry, I am desired to state as follows:-

1. Government will ask all official witnesses selected by the Committee to give full and correct information concerning the disturbances. The evidence of the higher officers, e.g., the Inspector General of Police, the Director of Public Instruction, and the Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore District, may be taken in camera. All other officials may be examined in public.

2. The Govt. officers examined by the Committee will produce the documentary evidence in their possession. Any documents required from officers who are not orally examined will be forwarded to the Committee whenever desired.

3. Witnesses may be assured that ~~Govt. will take no legal proceedings against them in respect of~~ any ~~xxxxx~~ evidence of a self-incriminating nature given by them ~~witnesses~~ in camera before the ~~enquiry~~ committee will not be made use of against them by Govt.

Yours sincerely,

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.,
Chairman, Committee of Enquiry.

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D.O. 1263/CB.38-28

No.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Bangalore, 10th September 192~~8~~

My dear Sir,

In continuation of my D. O. letter No.1255/C.B.38-28 dated the 8th September 1928, regarding certain points raised in the Press as to the procedure of the Committee of Enquiry, I am desired to state as follows:--

(1) Government will ask all official witnesses selected by the Committee to give full and correct information concerning the disturbances. The evidence of the higher officers, e.g. the Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops, the Inspector General of Police, the Director of Public Instruction, and the Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore District, etc. may be taken in camera. All other officials may be examined either in public or in camera, at the discretion of the Committee.

(2) The Government officers examined by the Committee will produce the documentary evidence in their possession. Any documents required from officers who are not orally examined will be forwarded to the Committee whenever desired.

(3) Witnesses may be assured that any evidence of a self-incriminating nature given by them in camera before the Committee will not be made use of against them by Government.

Yours sincerely,

R.R
10/9/28

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.,
Chairman, Bangalore Enquiry Committee.

No 1304-54/CB 38-28-15-8

& 12.9.28.

Official Memorandum.

All official witnesses ~~selected~~ invited by the Bangalore Disturbances Enquiry Committee ~~are requested~~ to give ~~to give evidence as expected~~ (full and correct information concerning) the disturbances. Government officers examined by the Committee will also produce the documentary evidence in their possession. Any document required from officers who are not orally examined should be forwarded to the Committee ~~when required by them~~ on requisition.

By order,

Chief Secretary to Govt.

To

The Heads of Department &
Deputy Commissioners of Dists.
Secretaries to Govt.

CHIEF SECRETARIES
12 SEP. 1928

Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS

No. 1304-54/C. B. 38-28-158 Dated, Bangalore, 12th September 1928.

Official Witnesses

Issues instructions in regard to the giving of evidence by———before the Bangalore Disturbances Inquiry Committee.

Official Memorandum.

All official witnesses invited by the Bangalore Disturbances Inquiry Committee to give evidence are expected to give full and correct information concerning the disturbances. Government Officers examined by the Committee will also produce the documentary evidence in their possession. Any document required from officers who are not orally examined should be forwarded to the Committee on requisition.

By Order,
N. MADHAVA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To—The Heads of Departments.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts
The Secretaries to Government.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,

Dated. Bangalore, 12th Septr. 1928

D.O. No. 1355-58

Dear Sir,

I forward herewith copy of Official Memorandum No.1304-54/C.D.38-28-158 dated the 12th September 1928 regarding the giving of evidence by official witnesses before the Bangalore Disturbances Enquiry Committee.

2. It has been arranged that your evidence before the Committee should be taken in camera.

Yours sincerely,

To

The Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops.
" Inspector General of Police in Mysore.
" Director of Public Instruction in Mysore
" District Magistrate, Bangalore District.

Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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By Order,
N. MADHAVA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To--The Heads of Departments.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Secretaries to Government.

Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

General and Revenue Secretariat.

Official Memorandum.

No. 1324-34/C.B.38-28-158 Dated Bangalore, the 18th September 1928

In continuation of Official Memorandum No.1304-34/C.B.38-28-158 dated the 12th September 1928, issuing instructions in regard to the giving of evidence by official witnesses before the Bangalore Disturbances Inquiry Committee, Heads of Departments are requested to give the bulk of their evidence in public, only that on delicate matters being given in camera.

By order,

M.C. Seshadri
for CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Heads of Departments.
" Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
" Secretaries to Government.

Copies sent to the following Officers
1. G. G. P. Press
2. Director of Public Instruction
3. Chief Commandant
4. Dy. Comr. Bangalore Dr.

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